

*Transl. of State Dept. Verbal Briefing*

Q Yes. *Apr. 7, 1982*

A In what regard?

Q Well, dealing with the Taiwan arms deal and possible repercussions.

A No.

Q Also on China, do we have any report to confirm something in the Wall Street Journal today which was that the Chinese have told us that they will not downgrade the embassy if the parts sale goes through.

A I don't have anything specific to offer on that particular point.

I might note, perhaps in that regard, that back in December, to set the record straight with regard to that issue, shortly after our informal notification to Congress, we told the Chinese essentially three things:

One was that the transfer involved no weapons whatsoever;

Secondly, that the transfer was part of a long-standing arrangement concluded many months before, and before the President met with Premier Zhao at the Cancun summit; and

Third, that we contemplated no new decisions on arms sales during the next few months when our talks were underway.

Q In the same report, you say that the United States has agreed to stop new military transfers to Taiwan after the spare parts deal goes through.

Could you also confirm this -- ?

A I would refer you to what I have just said.

Q Does the United States have any comment on the use of Soviet force in Iran?

A I think the answer is no. Yes, we have simply seen the reports, but I don't have anything for you.

The note I was just given indicates that we still don't have a departure time. He will leave later this afternoon. That is why I am being unspecific.

Q Has he left the building?